



ON THE SICK LIST

Virgil Morton

Our "Cover Boy", who together with Madellyne Greene appeared on the cover of the last issue of VILTIS, underwent a serious operation at the Fort Miley Veterans hospital of San Francisco. We are happy to report that he is doing fine and will be dancing again pretty soon.

Emil Cary Zunker

Many readers will be grieved upon learning, as was the editor, that Emil Zunker, noted artist and dear friend of VILTIS, whose drawings appear on many of our articles as captions and as well as on the front page, has been taken ill and will be confined for six months. Our regrets are extended to Adee and son Tony, and my prayers for Emil's quick recovery.

Antoinette Skrupskis

After many months of confinement due to a serious internal operation, Mrs. Antoinette Skrupskis of Montreal, Canada, cousin of V. F. Beliajus, reports her complete recovery and being able once again helping husband Tony in raising their baby girl, Alice, who is growing big and beautiful.

The Janias In An Auto Accident

Florence and Joe Jania, the beloved couple of folk dancers from the International House, experienced a serious automobile accident when a truck ran into their new (two week old) car at a cross road. Florence was hardest hit and of serious proportions. She was laid up in a hospital. Both underwent quite a bit of stitching up. We are happy to report, however, that they are recovering nicely and we hope to have them back in our groups in perfect condition. The accident took place on July 26th.

WE I EARNED THAT ...

Laura Lee Bostwick of Grass Valley, Cal., spent her summer in the Hawaiian Islands . . . Larry Golden was the official caller at the Chicago Fair . . . M. J. Pickering, business manager of the National Folk Festival, was program director for the Chicago Fair . . . Tom Unitis was counted among the delegates from Pittsburgh who came to Chicago during the National VYTIS (Knights of Lithuania) convention held at the Sherman Hotel during the week of Sept. 7-11 . . . Emily and Sofia Czernek toured the west and California during their vacation . . . Jerry Joris, after attending Pappy Shaw's session, visited Steve Miller in Santa Monica and together toured California and points in Mexico . . . Robinette Woodside from Lodi, Cal. came back with trilling accounts of her European tour . . . Others who hosted all over Switzerland, France, Belgium, Holland and England and had a grand time are Bernice Bromby and Russ Pickering, both of Toronto, Canada . . . Brother Kazy Dulys made a "hole in 1" while playing golf and won for himself a trophy and a carton with 50 boxes of wheaties . . . Eddy Kaupas, our handsome dancer who starred at several Viltis concerts, became engaged to a ravishing chick, Mary Friend. Brother! You should see that hunk of beauty! Eddy left for East Lansing, Mich.

attend Michigan State. Don't know how he'll survive without Mary . . . Monty Mayo, folk dance leader from Pittsburgh was a Chicago visitor during the first week of September.



Juarez-McCracken

On Sunday, June 25th, Viltite Edwin Loyd McCracken, of El Chino, Cal., was married to Senorita Marina Juarez of Guatemala. The wedding took place in the Church of the Sacred Heart of Altadena, Cal. To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McCracken we say: "Muchisimas Felicidades" throughout their wedded life.

MacBride-Casebere

The type of news we are ever happy to publish are regarding weddings, births, happy occurrences. I take particular joy to announce the wedding of my buddy, Jimmy Casebere, of Fairhope, Ala., to Miss Katherine Anne MacBride, whose acquaintanship I hope to make soon. I regret that due to clashing dates and distance I was unable to act as usher at my pals wedding. The happy event took place in New York, First Presbyterian church, on Saturday, August 5th. My warmest wishes to both of you.

Faiza-Di Pillo

On August 12th, at the church of Our Lady of Mercy, Chicago, were united into marriage John Faiza to Mary Di Pillo. Johnny was active in Lithuanian youth circles, and we are sure that Mary, too, will make a good Lithuanian. To the newly weds and their parents our sincerest congratulations.

Valas-Hofinger

Keistutis (Casey) Valas, brother of our printer Algirdas, was married on September third to Rosemary Hofinger. The wedding took place at the "Country Church of the City", a picturesque Methodist Church on Chicago's North Side. Their honeymoon was spent in Mexico. To the newly weds we extend wishes of "ilgiausiu ir Linksmiausiu metu!"



Dr. and Mrs. Sergio Fernandez

Dr. and Mrs. Sergio Fernandez (Marrietta Stuersel) are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a second child, a baby daughter at the Allen Memorial Home in Mobile, Sept. the 8th.

The baby who weighed 4 pounds has been named Sharon Elaine. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stuersel. Dr. Fernandez an officer in the U. S. Navy is stationed at Pensacola.

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Telephone operator: "I'm sorry, sir, but that number has been tak'n out."

Man: "Oh, yeah? Can you give me any information as to just who has been taking her out?"



IN PROFOUND MEMORIAM TO DR. KAZYS GRINIUS

The American-Lithuanian population experienced profound grief upon the passing of Dr. Kazys Grinius on June 4th, 1950. Dr. Grinius, was, until then, the only living President of the former free Republic of Lithuania, who lived as a refugee in Chicago, along with his family — his wife, Mrs. Christian and their son Liutas.

Dr. Grinius was 89 years old upon his death. Tho it is old age, mentally, he was alert and young. His love for humanity and for his country and his great enlightened spirit have endeared him among all the people. He was a patriot and a democratic person in the full sense of the word and for both ideals he suffered grief and persecution in the hands of the Russian Tsars, the Nazis and the Bolsheviks. Because of his strong protests of the Nazi slaughter of Lithuanian Jews he was exiled from his home during 1942. At the end of the Russo-German war, he, along with his family and thousands of other Lithuanians, fled to Germany where they lived under trying conditions of want and hardship until their arrival to the United States.

Lithuania's lot has been a bitter one since the first Russian occupation. The country is being gradually depopulated, along with the other two sister-Baltic states of Latvia and Estonia. 600 thousand Lithuanians were taken out of the land to Siberia, Kolyma and the northern Ural regions. Some 150 thousand fled the Bolshevik onslaught while a great many thousands were slain in Lithuania. Now, the country is being populated by Mongol tribes from Russia while the balance of the native population lives in constant dread not knowing what horrors fate has in store for them, and in horrible deprivation. Yet, inspite of this great misery that befell the Lithuanian people, Dr. Grinius believed confidentially that Lithuania will be free again, and when that great day shall come to pass, his ashes shall be also returned to his Beloved Lietuva. Dr. Grinius was cremated on June 8th. His ashes rest temporarily at the Lithuanian National cemetery. His funeral was one of the largest in the Lithuanian colony.

VILTIS, along with the Lithuanian people, likewise sorrows at his passing, for he and his family have been personal friends of the editor and of the magazine itself all of whom have written articles for VILTIS on diverse subjects.

To Mrs. Grinius and to Liutas, with whom we have been close associates during the past few years since their arrival to the United States, we extend our profoundest expressions of condolence.

"The name of the just liveth forever"

Mrs Eugenia Possien

Friday, June ninth, as she was nearing the end of her eighty-second year of life; it pleased God to release from the flesh and to clothe with immortality the spirit of Eugenia Marie Possien, one of Fairhope's well known pioneers.

Numbered among the early settlers of Fairhope, she and her husband established their home here some forty years ago. She was also one of the little group of talented folk who were attracted to Fairhope because of its ideals and who made of it by far the best known and

most livable and thriving town in Baldwin County. Artist, musician and teacher, she actively helped Mrs. Johnson in the early days of the School of Organic Education. She maintained her interest in the School to the very last, helping in every way she possibly could. Perhaps the last public function she attended was the Organic Spring Festival, April 27th.

In a very quiet, unobstrusive way she also helped many a Fairhope youth get a start in education.

Both Fairhope and the Organic School have lost from this earthly plane a sincere and most helpful friend.

She has been a wonderful friend to the editor. During the period of his hospitalization, and, supposedly, dying of TB, offered one of her cottages and personal care. Now, he is one of those who mourns her passing. May God grant her eternal rest in His domain of peace.

Mr Juozas Grybas

This summer saw the passing of three wonderful friends into the yonder world of eternal rest, on July 5th, death took the soul of Mr. Joseph Grybas, 64, of Chicago, Ill. Before the editor left for his summer tour he and Mr. and Mrs. Grybas, in the company of many other friends, spent a delightful day at the Memorial Day festivities, never dreaming that it was the last meeting. Many pleasant occasions were spent with the Grybas family during the last 20 years, and their daughter, Wenetta Grybas Childs, was the dancing partner of Vyts. Wenetta, who with Al and their two children now live in Solano Beach, Cal. were also hosts to Vyts during his last years' visit in the San Diego area. Mr. Grybas was a brother of the noted Lithuanian sculptor who was slain by the Nazis during their occupation of that land. He was a cultured person and his home was the meeting place of people of thinking and learning. His passing is mourned by the Lithuanian intellectual colony. Profoundest regrets are extended to the members of the family.

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